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YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM KNOWN AS A SYMBIOTE. UNITED BY THEIR SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, AND GIFTED WITH POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN (ALONG WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES), THE TWO FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER VENOM. BUT BEFORE THERE WAS VENOM, THERE WAS...

VENOM

FIRST HOST



THE VENOM SYMBIOTE'S FIRST HOST, A KREE WARRIOR NAMED TEL-KAR, RETURNED TO CLAIM THE SYMBIOTE FOR HIS OWN. THREATENING TO BOND WITH ITS MOST RECENT OFFSPRING, TEL-KAR KIDNAPPED VENOM AND USED IT TO STEAL A SKRULL WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

WITH NO OTHER CHOICE, EDDIE BONDED TO THE SYMBIOTE'S NEWEST SPAWN, SLEEPER, AND PARTNERED WITH SKRULL WARBRIDE M'LANZ TO STOP TEL-KAR AND RESCUE VENOM.

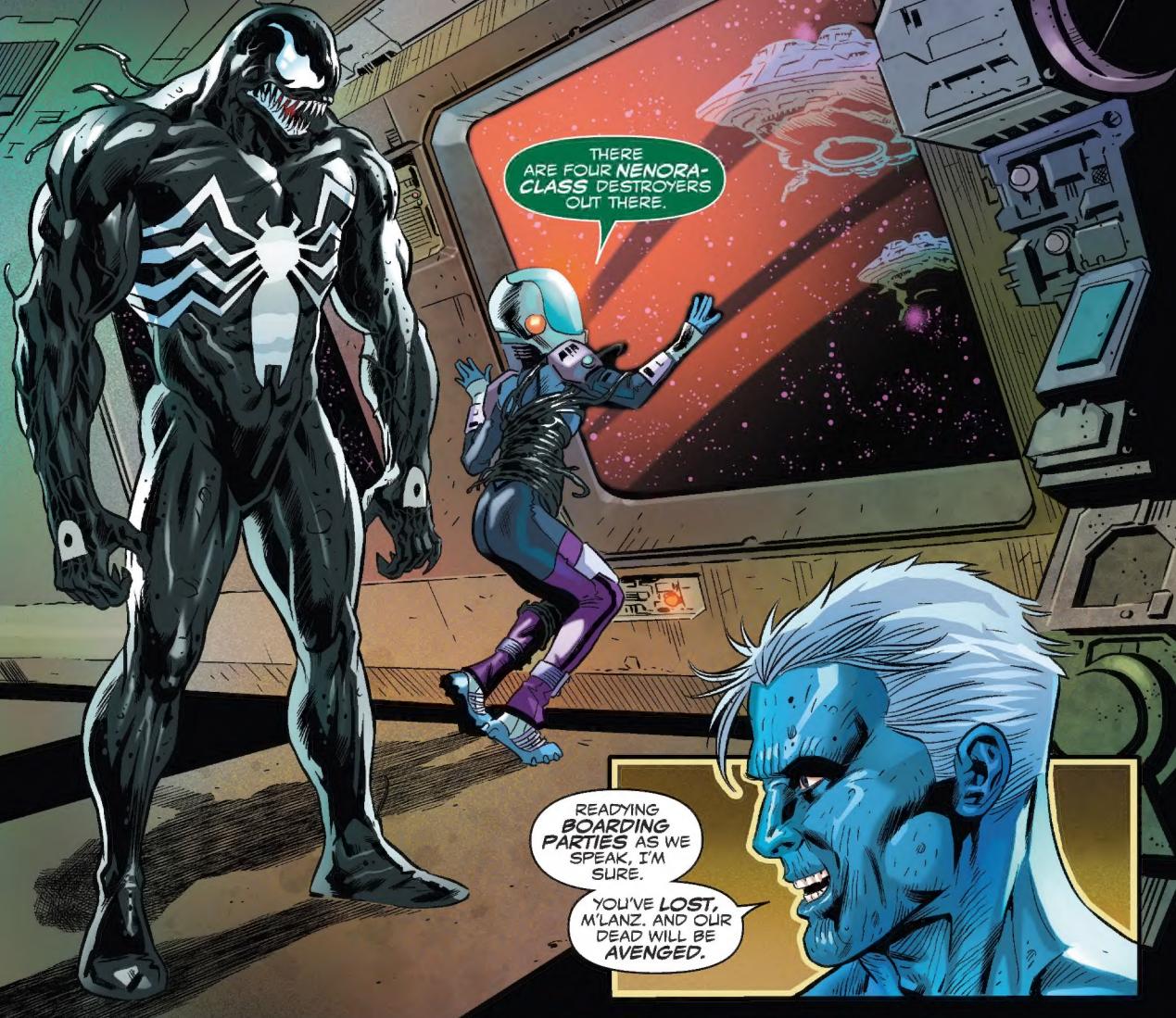
THE TRIO WERE ABLE TO INTERCEPT TEL-KAR AT A SECRET SKRULL MILITARY SITE, BUT NOT BEFORE TEL-KAR GOT HIS HANDS ON THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPON AND CALLED IN REINFORCEMENTS!

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SUIT, ARE
YOU STRONG ENOUGH
TO TRICK TEL-KAR INTO
LOSING TRACK OF
US?

I...CAN TRY...

RUN!
GET OUR SPAWN
OUT.
WE
WILL PREVENT
TEL-KAR FROM
FOLLOWING!

LIKE
HELL!

WE CAME
ALL THIS WAY
TO SAVE THAT DAMN
SYMBIOTE—NOT TO
WATCH IT DIE IN A
GRUDGE MATCH.

NO, EDDIE!
DON'T WANT
TO TOUCH
HIM!

BUT...

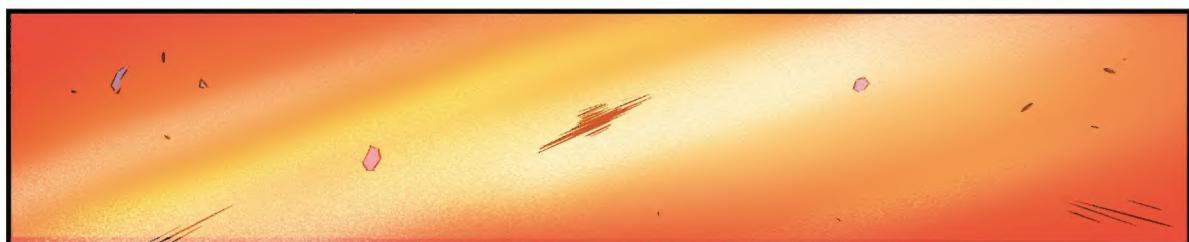
DON'T WANT TO
RISK BEING A
SLAVE AGAIN!



THE KREE
EMPIRE HAS LITTLE
USE FOR A THIEF AND A
TRAITOR, TEL-KAR. THE WAR
IS OVER, AND WITH IT SO
TOO DIE THE TALES OF
YOUR VICTORIES.

TAKE COMFORT
IN KNOWING THAT
YOUR **CRIMES** WILL LIVE
ON IN THAT SAME
SILENCE.

GOOD
JOURNEY.





YOU'RE
REALLY *THIS* GOOD
A PILOT? TO RUN A
CORDON?

IT'S A
STEALTH SHIP.
AND WE'VE GOT THE
ADVANTAGE THAT THEY'RE NOT
LOOKING FOR US. TEL-KAR
CONTACTED THEM
BEFORE WE
ARRIVED.



WE SHOULD
HAVE BEEN THE
ONES TO KILL HIM.
IT'S NOT VERY
SATISFYING.



A ZEALOT
OBSESSED WITH
GENOCIDE BEING
EXECUTED FOR HIS CRIMES
BY HIS OWN PEOPLE ISN'T
SATISFYING?

NOT TO
US.



I LOOK
FORWARD TO DROPPING
YOU OFF AT *HOME*,
BROCK.

YOU
ACTUALLY LIVE
HERE?

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE STEERING
ME TOWARD A RUIN
TO HIDE MY
SHIP.

WE DON'T
FIGHT FOR MONEY
OR STATUS,
M'LANZ.

WE FIGHT
BECAUSE WE ARE
COMPELLED.

WELL THAT, AT
LEAST, WE HAVE IN
COMMON.

YOU FOUGHT
WELL TODAY, AND I
RESPECT IT. BUT IF YOU'RE
EVER IN SKRULL SPACE...
DON'T LOOK ME
UP.

DON'T
WORRY.
WE'VE HAD QUITE
ENOUGH OF
SPACE.

WE
INTEND TO
STAY BACK
HOME
NOW.

BACK
IN OUR
CITY.





I ALMOST LOST MY WHOLE FAMILY. I'VE LOST THINGS BEFORE, BUT NOW THERE'S A KID AND IT'S DIFFERENT.

I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE TO TALK TO ABOUT THIS STUFF. I'VE...

...GOT A LOT OF ANGER.

YEAH. I NOTICED.

YOU GONNA PRETEND YOU'RE BETTER THAN ME? I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE BUZZING AROUND THE CITY WITH A BIG SLOBBERY GRIN ON MY FACE, PSYCHOTICALLY FOCUSED ON KILLING SPIDER-MAN.

OKAY. FINE. WE'VE BOTH DONE THINGS WE'RE NOT PROUD OF.

EXACTLY.

THOUGH...

I TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF PRIDE IN KNOWING THAT HE WAS MOST SCARED OF ME.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

WHO ELSE? I WAS IN HIS HEAD.

I'M NOT HAVING THIS CONVERSATION.

THE POINT IS-- I FOUND SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN THE HATE, AND IT GOT ME THROUGH IT.

FAMILY.

FAMILY.

HAVING A KID
TO TAKE CARE OF...
IT'LL MAKE YOU SCARED.
MORE SCARED THAN
YOU'VE EVER BEEN...
BUT IT'LL MAKE YOU
BETTER.

AND WHEN
PEOPLE COME AND
BRING DANGER-GOD
HELP THEM, BECAUSE
IT'LL MAKE YOU
STRONGER
TOO.

JUST FOCUS
ON BEING A GOOD
MENTOR, BECAUSE, YOU
KNOW, IT'S A MONSTER
FROM OUTER
SPACE.

SO RAISE
IT RIGHT OR
GOD HELP
US ALL.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
DOING, EDDIE.

WE ARE
RAISING IT
RIGHT.

WILL NEED A
BIGGER PLACE,
EDDIE.

LET'S NOT
GET AHEAD
OF OURSELVES.
KID'S JUST A
BLOB.

WITHOUT A
HOST, WILL
NEED FOOD.
ROOM TO
EXERCISE.

THE WEIGHT
SET BY THE BED
HAS ALWAYS BEEN
FINE FOR--

OH.

BROCK.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
LEAVE YOUR
KID HOME
ALONE.





FIRST
I THOUGHT I'D
PROGRAM THE PLAGUE
TO KILL Symbiotes,
BUT...NO.

TOO
EASY.

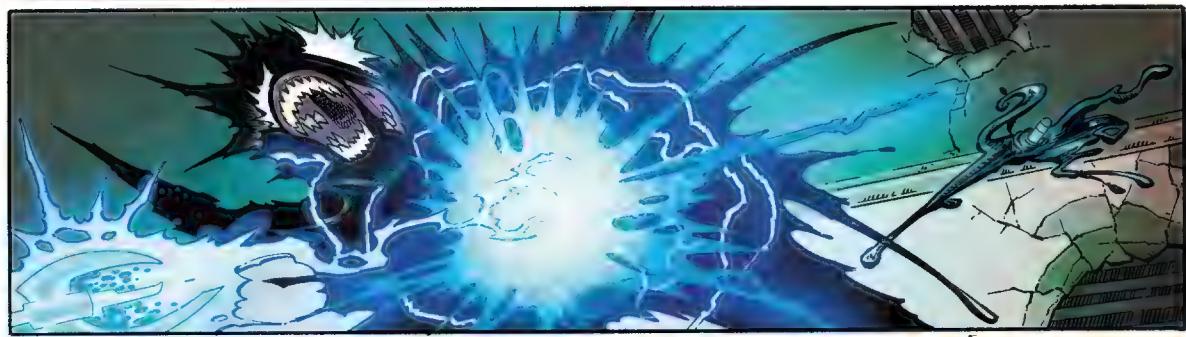
I USED
A FEW DROPS OF
YOUR OWN BLOOD TO
PROGRAM THE EPIGENETIC
SEQUENCE FOR A HUMAN
SIGNATURE.

SO YOU COULD DIE KNOWING
THAT YOUR DNA IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF
THE HUMAN RACE.

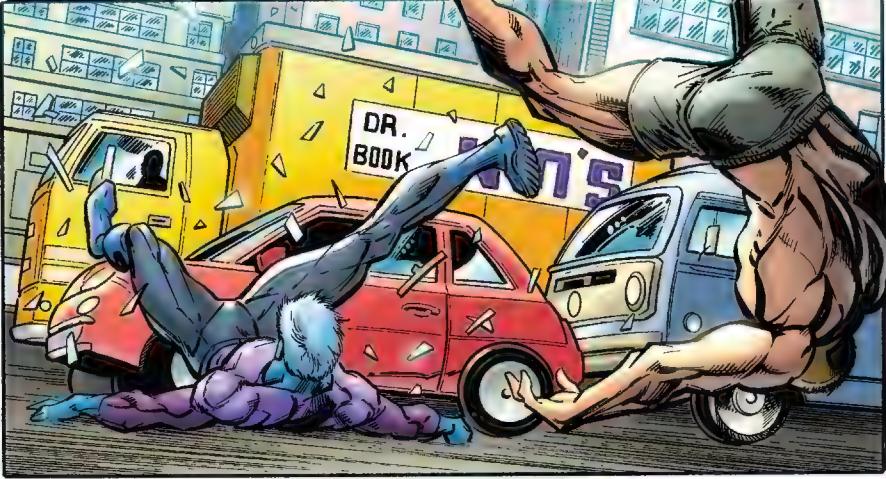
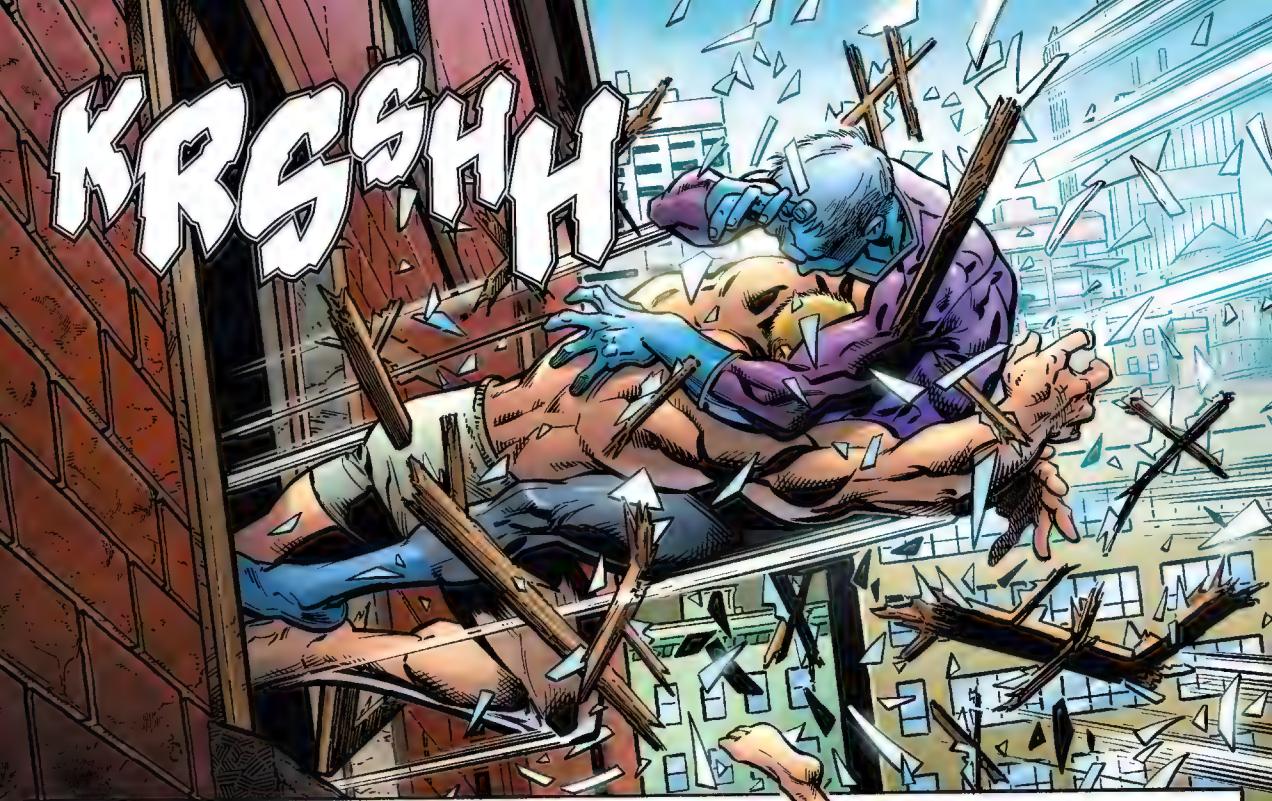
WITH ANY
LUCK, THAT THING
YOU'RE BONDED
TO WILL HELP KEEP
YOU ALIVE SO YOU
CAN WATCH
EVERYONE YOU--

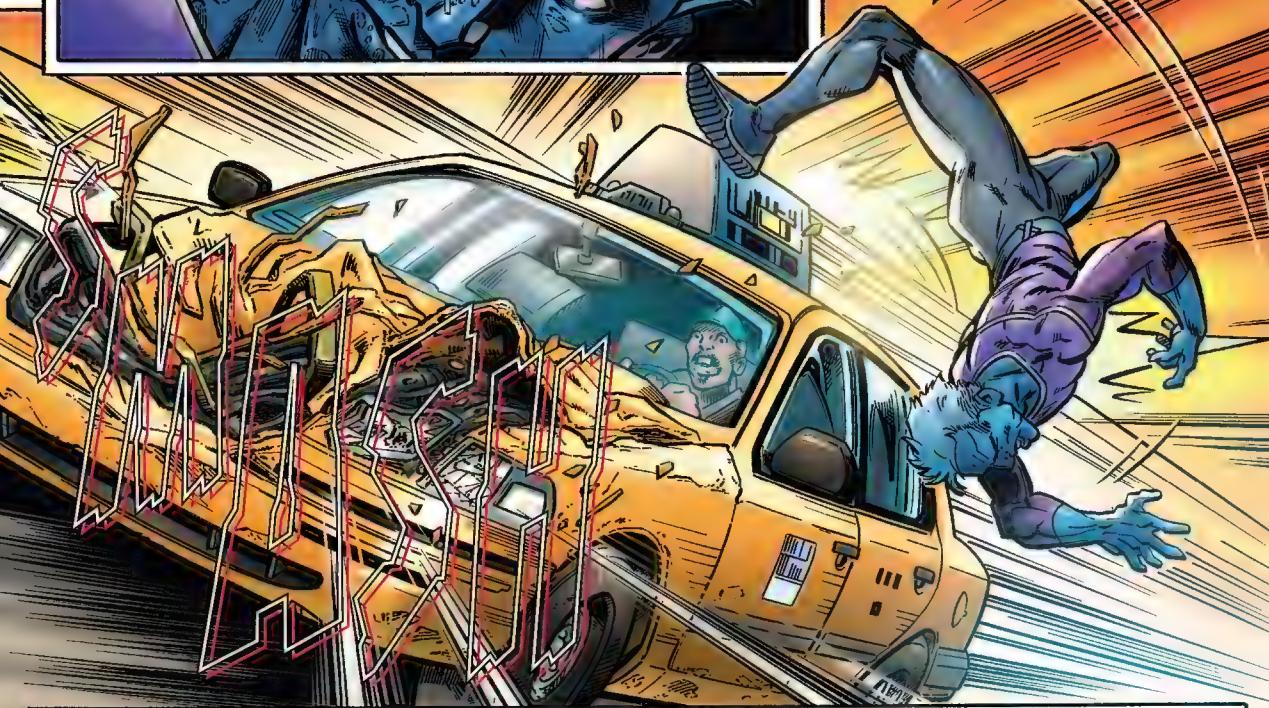
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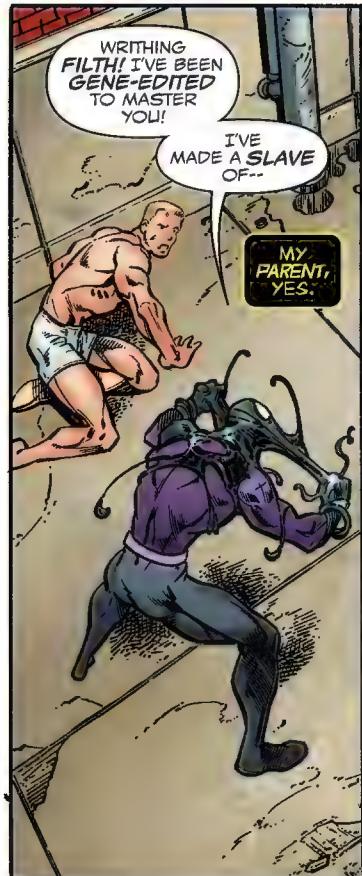


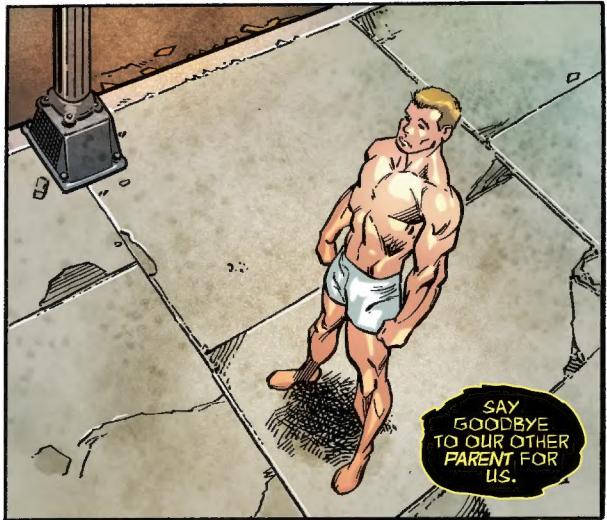
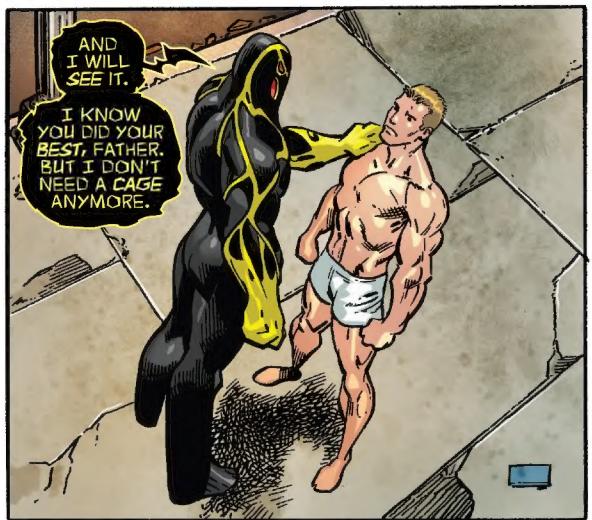
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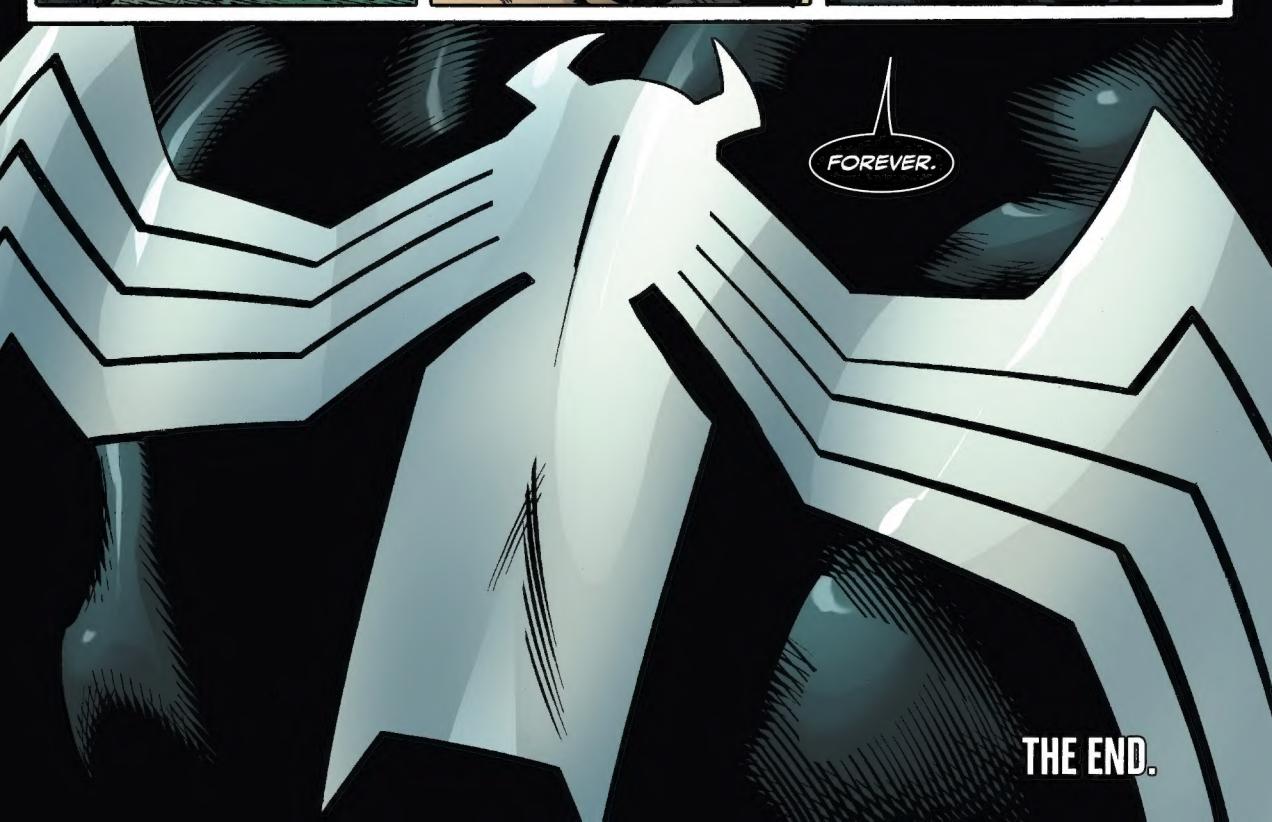










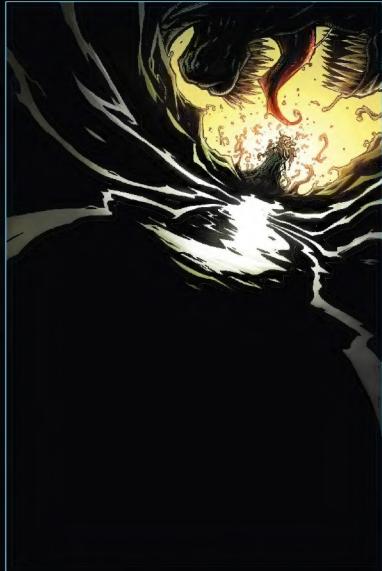


VENOM'S NEXT ADVENTURE HAS ALREADY BEGUN!

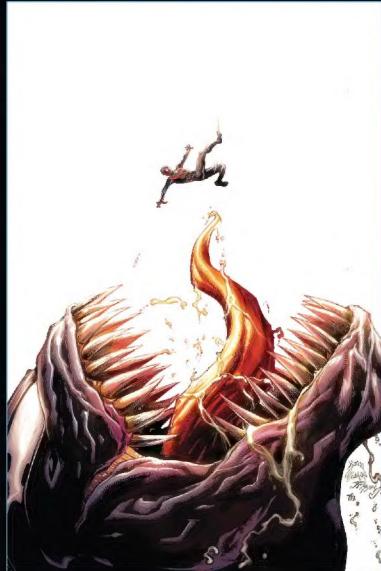
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT
FROM DONNY CATES AND RYAN STEGMAN.



VENOM #1



VENOM #2



VENOM #3



VENOM #4



VENOM #5



VENOM #6

ALL ISSUES ON SALE NOW!



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